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State Water Board OKs Loan for Vacaville Wastewater Treatment Upgrades

The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) has approved a \$4.5 million loan for the City of Vacaville to help renovate the City's aging wastewater treatment plant.

The plant, owned and operated by the City, was originally built in 1959 and upgraded in the late 1960s and early 1990s. It serves 86,000 people. The current wastewater flow into the plant is 8 million gallons per day (mgd). During wet weather, flows into the plant have exceeded its design capacity on several occasions, resulting in violations of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's discharge requirements. Phase 1 of the proposed project will consist of interim improvements to the existing system, including improvements to the headworks, an addition of a new blower system and secondary clarifier sludge withdrawal facilities.

Phase 1 is the first of two improvements to the wastewater treatment facility. When the first phase is completed, the City will be able to meet its waste discharge permits. A second phase will add a parallel plant to expand treatment capacity to 14.7 mgd. When completed, the facility will provide enough reserve treatment capacity to last through 2012.

The City has indicated it has enough water resources to serve projected population, and, in accordance with state policy, the City has adopted a water conservation program.

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